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1. THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE TO A QUESTION TAKEN AT THE

6/26/95 PRESS BRIEFING WAS POSTED IN THE DEPARTMENT LATER THAT DAY.

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2. CHINA: WHEREABOUTS OF HARRY WU

Q. HOW AND WHEN WERE WE NOTIFIED OF THE DETENTION OF AMERICAN CITIZEN HARRY WU?

A. WE HAVE A CONSULAR AGREEMENT WITH CHINA WHICH PROVIDES FOR NOTIFICATION OF THE ARREST OR DETENTION OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN NO LATER THAN FOUR DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF ARREST OR DETENTION.

-- THE CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S CONSULAR DEPARTMENT MADE SUCH NOTIFICATION BY PHONE ON JUNE 23 TO OUR EMBASSY IN BEIJING WITHIN THE STIPULATED PERIOD OF TIME.

-- THE AGREEMENT PROVISIONS PROVIDES FOR ACCESS TO THE DETAILED AMERICAN WITHIN 48 HOURS OF RECEIVING A REQUEST.

-- U.S. EMBASSY OFFICERS MADE A REQUEST FOR ACCESS AND AN ASSURANCE OF MR. WU'S WHEREABOUTS THIS MORNING.

3. THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCES WERE PREPARED ON 6/26/95. AT THE BRIEFING ON THAT DAY, ACTING SPOKESMAN CHRISTINE SHELLY USED ALL OF THE ANSWERS IN PARA 4, ALL EXCEPT THE LAST TWO TICKS IN PARA 5, AND THE FIRST AND THIRD TICKS IN PARA 6. THE REMAINDER MAY BE USED ON AN

IF ASKED BASIS.

4. CHINA: WHEREABOUTS OF ACTIVIST HARRY WU

Q. CAN YOU COMMENT ON REPORTS OF THE DETENTION IN CHINA OF U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST HARRY WU HONGDA?

A. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AMERICAN HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST HARRY WU (SOMETIMES CALLED WU HONGDA) TRIED TO ENTER CHINA ON JUNE 19, ACROSS THE LAND BORDER BETWEEN KAZAKHSTAN AND CHINA.

-- WE UNDERSTAND THAT MR. WU HAD A VALID U.S. PASSPORT AND CHINESE VISA WHEN HE WAS DETAINED BY CHINESE BORDER AUTHORITIES IN KORGAS, CHINA.

-- WE HAVE NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT PRESENT ABOUT MR. WU'S WHEREABOUTS OR STATUS.

-- WE ARE SEEKING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FROM CHINESE AUTHORITIES.

Q. ISN'T HARRY WU AN AMERICAN CITIZEN? CAN'T YOU DEMAND ACCESS TO HIM IMMEDIATELY? WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO GET HIM RELEASED?

A. AS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN, MR. WU IS ENTITLED TO CONSULAR SERVICES FROM THE U.S. EMBASSY OR ONE OF OUR CONSULATES GENERAL. WE HAVE A CONSULAR AGREEMENT WITH CHINA WHICH PROVIDES FOR NOTIFICATION WITHIN 48 HOURS OF THE DETENTION OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN, AND FOR SUBSEQUENT ACCESS BY A U.S. CONSULAR OFFICER.

-- THE FOREIGN MINISTRY CONSULAR DEPARTMENT MADE SUCH NOTIFICATION TO THE EMBASSY IN BEIJING ON JUNE 23.

-- AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, COMMUNICATION DIFFICULTIES, TRAVEL TIME AND THE DISTANCES BETWEEN CITIES IN CHINA MAY RESULT IN SOME DELAY BEFORE U.S.

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CONSULAR OFFICIALS ARE NOTIFIED OF AN ARREST OR DETENTION OF AN AMERICAN CITIZEN. VISITS BY U.S. CONSULAR OFFICERS CAN TAKE SEVERAL DAYS TO ARRANGE FOR THE SAME REASONS. WE ALWAYS TRY TO EXPEDITE SUCH VISITS, AND WILL DO SO IN MR. WU'S CASE.

-- AS WITH ANY AMERICAN CITIZEN DETAINED, WE WILL SEEK TO ENSURE THAT HE IS TREATED FAIRLY UNDER CHINESE LAW, AND RELEASED PROMPTLY IF POSSIBLE.

5. CHINA: WTO ACCESSION

Q. IS THE U.S. PLANNING TO SHOW GREATER FLEXIBILITY ON CHINA'S ACCESSION TO THE WTO IN ORDER TO GET THE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP BACK ON TRACK?

A. THE U.S. CONTINUES TO ACTIVELY AND STAUNCHLY SUPPORT CHINA'S EFFORTS TO NEGOTIATE AN ACCEPTABLE AND COMMERCIALLY MEANINGFUL ACCESSION PACKAGE. IN JULY, WE WILL AGAIN BE MEETING WITH THE CHINESE, BOTH BILATERALLY AND MULTILATERALLY, TO TRY TO MOVE THIS PROCESS FORWARD.

-- AS AMBASSADOR KANTOR SAID DURING HIS VISIT TO BEIJING IN MARCH, THE U.S. APPROACH TO CHINA'S ACCESSION PROCESS IS POSITIVE AND FLEXIBLE. WE ARE WILLING TO WORK WITH OUR CHINESE PARTNERS ON POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS THAT WILL ADDRESS CHINA'S CONCERNs, WHILE BRINGING CHINA'S TRADE REGIME INTO COMPLIANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADING SYSTEM.

-- THE WTO ACCESSION IS A MULTILATERAL PROCESS. ALL THE MEMBERS OF CHINA'S WORKING PARTY MUST AGREE BY CONSENSUS TO THE CONDITIONS OF CHINA'S ACCESSION.

-- MANY MEMBERS OF CHINA'S WORKING PARTY ARE CONCERNED THAT CHINA HAS NOT YET BEEN WILLING TO UNDERTAKE THE DETAILED COMMERCIAL COMMITMENTS REQUIRED OF ALL WTO MEMBERS.

-- THE ADMINISTRATION CONTINUES TO BELIEVE THAT IT IS IN THE INTERESTS OF THE U.S. TO FULLY INTEGRATE CHINA INTO THE INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC SYSTEM. THIS IS WHY WE SUPPORT CHINA'S WTO ACCESSION.

6. JAPAN: GENEVA AUTO TALKS

Q. WHAT CAN YOU TELL US ABOUT THE AUTO TALKS IN GENEVA?

A. AMBASSADOR KANTOR ARRIVED IN GENEVA ON THE EVENING OF JUNE 25 AND EXPECTS TO MEET WITH HIS COUNTERPART, MITI MINISTER HASHIMOTO, THIS EVENING.

-- MEETINGS AT THE VICE MINISTERIAL LEVEL, LED BY USTR AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE IRA SHAPIRO AND COMMERCE UNDER SECRETARY JEFFREY GARTEN, CONTINUED THROUGH THE PAST WEEKEND. TALKS AT BOTH THE VICE MINISTERIAL AND EXPERTS LEVEL WILL RECONVENE AS NECESSARY.

-- BOTH SIDES HAVE AGREED TO MAKE MAXIMUM EFFORTS TO REACH AN AGREEMENT BEFORE THE JUNE 28 DEADLINE FOR SANCTIONS.

7. THE FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCES, ALSO PREPARED ON 6/26/95, WERE NOT USED AT THE BRIEFING. POST.. MAY DRAW FROM THEM ON AN IF ASKED BASIS.

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8. TAIWAN: U.N. MEMBERSHIP

Q. WHAT IS THE U.S. POSITION ON TAIWAN'S OFFER, AS REPORTED BY WIRE SERVICES, TO DONATE 0.44 PERCENT OF ITS GROSS NATIONAL PRODUCT (I.E. ONE BILLION U.S. DOLLARS) TO A UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPING NATIONS FUND IN EXCHANGE FOR U.N. MEMBERSHIP?

A. - UNDER ARTICLE 4 OF THE U.N. CHARTER, U.N. MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN ONLY TO STATES. THE UNITED STATES, AND MOST OTHER U.N. MEMBERS, DO NOT RECOGNIZE TAIWAN AS A STATE.

-- THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZES THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AS THE SOLE LEGAL GOVERNMENT OF CHINA --

A POLICY DECISION MADE IN 1979 AND REAFFIRMED BY EACH SUCCESSIVE U.S. ADMINISTRATION. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE CHINESE POSITION THAT THERE IS BUT ONE CHINA, AND THAT TAIWAN IS PART OF CHINA.

-- WE COULD, OF COURSE, SUPPORT ANY ARRANGEMENT CONSISTENT WITH THE U.N. CHARTER ON WHICH THE PRC AND TAIWAN AGREE.

9. U.S.-DPRK AGREED FRAMEWORK: SPENT FUEL RODS TEAM

Q. ANYTHING NEW FROM THE SPENT-FUEL RODS TEAM?

A. U.S. EXPERTS AGREED WITH THEIR NORTH KOREAN COUNTERPARTS ON PROCEDURES TO LOWER THE TEMPERATURE OF THE WATER IN THE SPENT FUEL STORAGE POND BY INSTALLING A GENERATOR-POWERED CHILLER.

-- THEY ALSO AGREED ON PROCEDURES TO CLARIFY THE WATER IN THE POND AND ON A DESIGN FOR THE CANISTERS THAT WILL BE USED TO STORE THE SPENT FUEL.

-- SOME MEMBERS OF THE U.S. TEAM LEFT THE DPRK OVER THE WEEKEND. DISCUSSIONS WERE SCHEDULED TO CONTINUE ON SUNDAY AND TODAY, WITH THE REMAINDER OF THE TEAM LEAVING THE DPRK ON TUESDAY.

10. KOREA: HEAVY FUEL OIL TEAM

Q. WHAT IS THE STATUS OF THE TALKS ON HEAVY FUEL OIL?

A. U.S.-DPRK EXPERT LEVEL TALKS ON COOPERATIVE MEASURES AND PHASED DELIVERIES OF HEAVY FUEL OIL TOOK PLACE IN NORTH KOREA JUNE 17-24.

-- IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSIONS IN PYONGYANG, THE U.S. TEAM TRAVELED TO NORTHEASTERN NORTH KOREA, WHERE IT SURVEYED THE SONDONG POWER PLANT, THE FACILITY DESIGNATED BY THE DPRK TO RECEIVE AND USE THE NEXT 100,000 METRIC TONS OF HEAVY FUEL OIL TO BE DELIVERED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE AGREED FRAMEWORK.

-- THE TALKS REGISTERED SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS ON ALL ISSUES, AND THE U.S. TEAM RETURNED TO THE U.S. ON SCHEDULE ON JUNE 25.

-- THE TWO SIDES HAVE AGREED TO FINALIZE OVER THE PAST FEW DAYS A "RECORD OF MEETING" CONCERNING POINTS OF AGREEMENT REACHED DURING THOSE DISCUSSIONS.

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11. KOREA: ARMISTICE AGREEMENT

Q. IS NORTH KOREA PULLING OUT OF THE ARMISTICE? WHAT IS THE US REACTION? DOES THIS MEAN THAT A STATE OF WAR EXISTS ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA? IS THE DPRK DOING THIS TO GAIN CONCESSIONS ON IMPLEMENTING THE FRAMEWORK?

A. FOR SEVERAL YEARS NOW, THE NORTH KOREANS HAVE ATTEMPTED IN MANY DIFFERENT WAYS TO SUBVERT THE MILITARY ARMISTICE MECHANISM, ASSERTING THAT IT IS NO LONGER VALID.

-- WE CANNOT ACCEPT THEIR POSITION. THE MILITARY ARMISTICE MECHANISM HAS HELPED TO KEEP THE PEACE IN KOREA FOR MORE THAN FORTY YEARS.

-- OUR POSITION IS CLEAR: UNTIL NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA AGREE ON A MECHANISM FOR A STABLE PEACE ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA ALL SIDES SHOULD ABIDE BY THE PROVISIONS OF THE ARMISTICE.

12. KOREA: RICE DEAL

Q. DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENT ON THE DELIVERY OF RICE TO NORTH FROM SOUTH KOREA?

A. WE HAVE SEEN PRESS REPORTS THAT THE SHIP CONTAINING THE FIRST SHIPMENT OF 2,000 TONS OF RICE LEFT THE PORT OF TONGHAE, SOUTH KOREA AND ARRIVED IN NORTH KOREA.

-- THIS SHIPMENT IS BEING MADE FOLLOWING THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY SOUTH KOREA'S DEPUTY PREMIER AND MINISTER OF REUNIFICATION OF AN AGREEMENT TO PROVIDE THE NORTH WITH 150,000 TONS OF RICE ON A GRANT BASIS.

-- WE ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THE TWO SIDES WILL MEET AGAIN IN JULY TO CONTINUE DISCUSSIONS ON THE SUBJECT OF SOUTH KOREAN SUPPLIES OF HUMANITARIAN FOOD AID TO THE NORTH.

-- WE WELCOME THIS AGREEMENT AND FULLY SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGE FURTHER DIRECT CONTACTS BETWEEN NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA.

13. VIETNAM: UPDATE ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

Q. WILL THE PRESIDENT DECIDE SOON TO ESTABLISH FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH VIETNAM?

A. AS YOU KNOW, FURTHER STEPS IN OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH VIETNAM DEPEND UPON PROGRESS IN ACCOUNTING FOR U.S. PRISONERS OF WAR AND MISSING IN ACTION.

-- THE ASSESSMENT OF THE EXTENT OF THE PROGRESS AND WHAT STEPS THE U.S. MIGHT TAKE IN RESPONSE ARE MATTERS FOR THE PRESIDENT TO DECIDE.

-- NO SUCH DECISION HAS BEEN MADE AT THIS TIME.

-- WE DO NOT COMMENT ON INTERNAL DELIBERATIONS OR THE ALLEGED EXISTENCE OR THE SUBSTANCE OF ANY COMMUNICATION OR ADVICE THE SECRETARY MAY OR MAY NOT HAVE GIVEN THE PRESIDENT ON THIS OR ANY OTHER SUBJECT.

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